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**(ORIGINAL CONTINUATION-IN-PART)**

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that attached is my continuation-in-part application.

My residence, post office address and citizenship are stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original first and sole inventor of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: "TEAR RESISTANT, CRYSTALLINE MIDBLOCK COPOLYMER GELS AND ARTICLES" and the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56. In compliance with the duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

I hereby claim the benefit, under Title 35, United States Code, § 120, of any United States applications or PCT international applications designating the United States of America that are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in those prior applications in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, USC, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in 37, CFR, § 1.56 that occurred between the filing date of the prior applications and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S.

Applications and copending applications: 09/285809 filed 4/1/99; 09/274498, filed March 23, 1999; 08/130,545, filed August 8, 1998; 08/984,459, filed 12/3/97; 08/909,487, filed 7/12/97 (now US Patent 6,050,871); 08/863,794, filed 5/27/97 (now US Patent 6,117,176); PCT/US97/17534, filed 30 September 1997; U.S. Serial No: 08/719,817 filed September 30, 1996 (now US Patent 6,148,830), U.S. Serial No: 08/665,343 filed June 17, 1996 which is a Continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No: 612,586 filed March 8, 1996; PCT/US94/04278 filed 4/19/94 (published 5/26/95 No. WO95/13851) (now US Patent 6,033,283); PCT/US94/07314 filed 6/27/94 (published 1/4/96 No. WO 96/00118) (now US Patent 5,868,597); 288,690 filed 8/11/94 (now US Patent 5,633,266); 581,188 filed 12/29/95; 581,191 filed 12/29/95 (now US Patent 5,760,117); 581,125 filed 12/29/95 now U.S. Patent No. 5,962,527. In turn U.S. Serial Nos. 581,188; 581,191; and 581,125 are continuation-in-parts of the following applications: Serial Nos.: 288,690; PCT/US94/07314 which is a CIP of PCT/US 94/04278.

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## POWER OF ATTORNEY

I hereby appoint the following agent to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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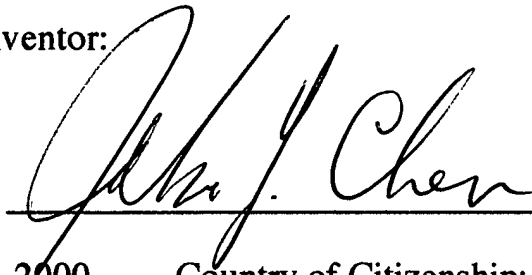
### DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issue thereon.

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